



CEYBANK HIGH YIELD FUND

Interim Report
30th June 2023

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REPORT OF THE MANAGER

We have great pleasure in presenting the Interim Report and Accounts of the Ceybank High Yield Fund for the six-month period ended 30th June 2023.

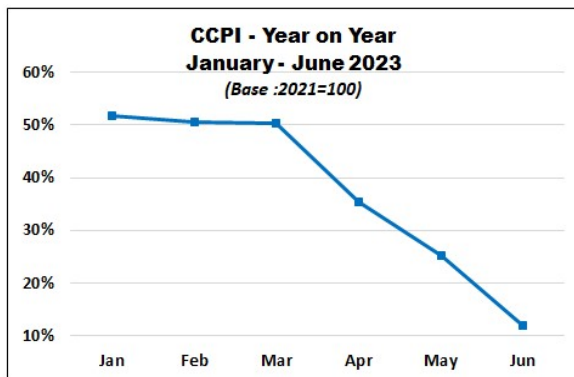
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Economy

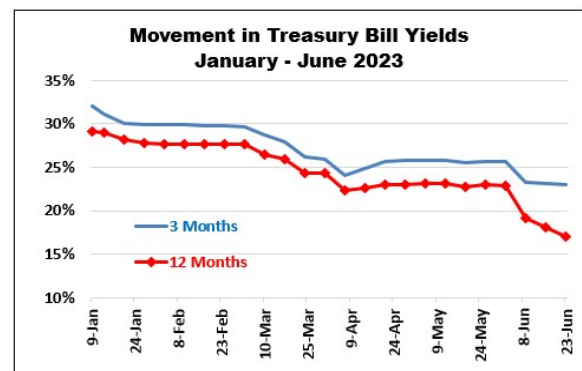
The Sri Lankan Economy witnessed a contraction in GDP by recording 11.5%YoY in first quarter 2023 against -0.5%YoY in 1Q2022 (base year=2015), amidst the heightened uncertainties witnessed across the sectors in the economy.

Year on Year Inflation measured by the CCPI which was at 51.7%YoY in January 2023 showed a decelerated trend by ending 12%YoY in June 2023 (Base: 2021).

Market interest rates declined gradually during the period. The benchmark 12-month Treasury bill rate which was at 29.16% in January closed lower at 16.99% by the end of June. The long-term Treasury bond market continued to be volatile.



Source: Department of Census and Statistics



Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Overnight call money rates moved within a band of 13% and 16.50% p.a. The exchange rate which was at 363.11 (Rs/US\$) at the beginning of the year witnessed an appreciation of 14.95% during the period under review. The Rupee was quoted at 308.83 (Rs/ US\$) as at 28th June 2023.

During the period under review, the Central Bank key policy rates were changed twice. Effectively the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) was reduced by 150bps (to 13%), Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) was decreased by 150bps (to 14%) The Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR) for Commercial Banks remained at 4% throughout the period.

Fund Performance

The Net Asset Value per unit of your Fund appreciated by 13.79% (AER 29.76%) during the period under review.

The Fund generated a net income of Rs 158.58 million during the period under review. The Fund is invested in a mix of Treasury Bill and Repurchase agreements with maturities less than a year.

Future Outlook

In the midst of a rise in systematic risk of downturns in world economies owing to tight financial controls adopted by Central Banks around the world due to inflationary pressures and geopolitical tensions in Eastern Europe, the Sri Lankan economy is expected to record a contraction of 3%-4%YoY in 2023E affected by the instability in macro fundamentals in the domestic economy.

However, the economy in the country is anticipated to witness a recovery and return to normalcy in 2024E with the implementation of structural reforms in the country in 2023 as per the agreement on an Extended Fund Facility (EFF) Arrangement of about USD2.9Bn with IMF.

Currently, the Sri Lankan Government is processing the Domestic Debt Optimization (DDO) programme for domestic creditors and the debt restructuring discussions are being held with foreign creditors as this is a crucial aspect in IMF-EFF Arrangement. This process must be completed by the IMF-EFF's first review due in September 2023 in order to restore the country's economy to a stable level.

At present, in line with the implementation of reforms in IMF Agreement by the authorities, the signs of recovery in macro fundamentals can be witnessed in the economy with inflation moderating, the exchange rate stabilizing, reduction in elevated interest rates, improvement in workers' remittances, rebuilding of reserves by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, rise in foreign holdings in treasury securities, etc. These vital reforms include surge in taxes to achieve a positive fiscal balance, hike in electricity tariff, restructuring of loss making SOEs, expecting to present an anti-corruption bill to the parliament to reduce corruption vulnerabilities through improving fiscal transparency and public financial management by introducing a strong anti-corruption legal framework and conducting an in-depth governance diagnostic, etc.

We expect the market interest rates to reduce further and declining yields on gilt edged securities to narrow the spread during the latter part of the year with a view to ease the debt restructuring process. Despite the lagged effect, the lending and deposit rates would slowly stabilize at a moderate level in the medium term to retrieve the economic activities in the country.

The Fund being a Money Market Fund is invested in a mix of Government securities and Corporate Debt within a one-year maturity period. The Managers will continue to monitor the interest rate environment and make changes to the investment profile, to fulfill the Fund objective of providing liquidity while maximizing returns for the investors.

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Kanchana Karannagoda

Fund Manager

July 2023

CEYBANK HIGH YIELD FUND**Statement of comprehensive income****(All amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)**

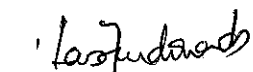
		Period from 1 January to 30 June 2023	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2022
Income			
Net Income on Financial Assets	1	158,584,732	132,088,561
Net realized gain on financial assets held at Amortized Cost		561,512	161,302
Total investment income		159,146,244	132,249,863
Operating Expenses			
	2	(6,083,168)	(12,926,728)
Operating profit before tax		159,146,244	132,249,863
Income tax expense		-	-
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders		159,146,244	132,249,863

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Statement of financial position

(All amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

		30 June	
		2023	2022
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		90,892,636	202,099,482
Financial Assets at amortized cost	3	1,131,408,847	1,230,309,916
Total assets		1,222,301,483	1,432,409,398
UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Liabilities			
Money Payable on Unit redemption		65,436,811	220,178,829
Repurchase Agreement		-	53,027,589
Other payables	4	1,519,286	1,715,440
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unitholders)		66,956,097	274,921,858
Net assets attributable to Unitholders' Fund		1,155,345,386	1,157,487,540
Total unitholders' funds and liabilities		1,222,301,483	1,432,409,398



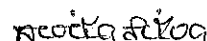
Director

Ceybank Asset Management LTD
Fund Management Company



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Fund Management Company



Trustee

National Savings Bank

Statement of changes in unitholders' funds**(All amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)**

	30 June	
	2023	2022
Unitholders' funds at beginning of the year	430,053,567	3,209,411,094
Increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	159,146,244	132,249,863
Received on unit creations	1,501,252,975	386,910,736
Paid on unit redemptions	(929,024,232)	(2,558,157,425)
Unitholders' funds at 30th June	1,161,428,554	1,170,414,268

Statement of cash flows
For the 06 months period ended 30 June 2023
(All amounts in Sri Lanka Rupees)

Period from
1 January to
30 June 2023
Rs.

Net Profit Before Taxation 153,063,076

Cash flows from operating activities

Net investments in repurchase agreements (494,993)

Net investment in treasury bills (711,960,558)

Other Payable 911,481

Money Payable on Unit redemption 65,436,809

Net cash inflows / (outflows) from operating activities **(493,044,185)**

Cash flows from financing activities

Proceeds from issue of units 1,501,252,975

Payments on redemption of units (929,024,232)

Net cash (outflows) / inflows from financing activities **572,228,743**

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents **79,184,558**

Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year 11,708,078

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents 79,184,558

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the 06 month Period **90,892,636**

1 Net Income on Financial Assets

Interest on Bank Deposit	-	28,666,643
Interest on Reverse Repo Agreement	13,454,887	7,112,440
Interest on Commercial Papers	-	59,028,735
Interest on T.Bills	145,129,845	37,280,743
	158,584,732	132,088,561

2 Operating Expenses

Management fee	5,300,904	11,982,923
Custodian Fee	150,457	342,140
VAT Expense	131,153	24,852
Interest Expences	2,967	424,275
Miscellaneous Expense	133,731	116,008
Bank Charges	243,580	36,530
Borrowing Expenses	1,484	-
Social Security Levy Expenses	118,892	-
	6,083,168	12,926,728

3 Financial Assets at Amortized Cost

Reverse Repurchase Agreement	39,043,571	-
Treasury Bills	1,092,365,276	303,578,938
Bank Deposits	-	357,646,033
Commercial Papers	-	569,084,945
	1,131,408,847	1,230,309,916

4 Other payables

Payable To Management Company	430,997	378,603
Management & Trustee Fee	1,058,263	1,110,088
Custodian Fee	30,026	226,749
	1,519,286	1,715,440